7/28/69

Dick and Gary,

The weekend, on which I took Lil visiting, shopping and went swimming four times yesterday alone, produced another 15,000 words of the COUP add. Makes me feel good. I've finished the analysis of the minitrial record, the most complicated part, and my merged handling of black abdication/Hoover and his blackmail, the most painful and disagreeable part, the beginning of the chapter in which I am. When I complete it I'll have a long chapter on conspiracy and, essentially, the Ray addition will be drafted. I hope (and believe) the ballistics stuff is straight, for it is vital. After I've finished the whole thing and have a chance to read it I'll send Dick a copy of that part. Copying all is beyond my capacity until Lil types it. She had a few days work on the one lingering job on which the client dallies. In anticipation of getting ready for this typing, she notified the client that she had a deadline. That passed and today she began cleaning it up as best she can with the lacking cooperation. By the time the writing is done she'll be in a position to start the typing.

That's the progress report. Now, I found the 6/14/69 Councillor story on King important to that part of the Hoover-blackmail story. My subscription has not yet begun and I've had no acknowledgement. Therefore, I ask you both to keep me abreast on the assassination stuff in it. They promised the "full" story for the succeeding issue. Is it so dull neither of you referred to it? Or did you assume I'd have it? I think I need it quickly, and anything relating to King/Hoover. Until you see what I've done you cannot evaluate, but I think this now has a perspective that has been completely lacking. And I think I have enough to get a reversal in the hands of a competent attorney, should that possibility ever eventuate. In the hands of a major publisher, an impossibility, the effect would be that.

God! it is the longest books since Shakespeare came in a single set of covers!

No new word from my newest correspondent or his associate who he had phone me. It has been about 10 days. I asked things of each.

Regards,

Jim

The third-class mailing here. Clip copied and returned herewith. I've had no ans. from Northwestern. If and when I get one, I'll send. Perhaps, if you think it worth the effort (and I do not) you might, from your position, want to ask for it.

I may already have a copy of the Schulberg thing. I'll wait until I have time to check. I want to spend working time writing when I can. I do want to copy Square, but I think I'll take it to DC with me next time and see if Bud also wants a copy, in which event we can use his better machine then return. Butler gets more interesting to me, though my concept of him hasn't changed. More and more I am convinced he belongs in AGENT OSWALD. Aside from fact, he'll make fine commentary.

Hope you're surviving your mechanical difficulties in good spirits. Wish it would be possible for someone to read this ms besides me. It was just physically impossible to make that many copies, so I haven't made any and wont until the retyping when, alas, it is late!